

Dear Members of the Human Services Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly

I am in favor of S.B. 284: AN ACT INCREASING THE AGE FROM EIGHT TO EIGHTEEN FOR AN INCOME ELIGIBLE PERSON TO OBTAIN HEALTH CARE REGARDLESS OF IMMIGRATION STATUS. Expanding access to HUSKY to age 18, regardless of immigration status, is an important step in ensuring that our immigrant community has access to the health care we need. But our work doesn't end with expanding access to age 18; we need to open access to HUSKY and health care to all immigrants of any age, including parents and adults.

My name is Norma and I am part of the domestic workers organization of Stamford, Nosotras. I thank god that my daughter was born here so she has not gone through the problem of not having insurance, but I have friends here who have small children and it is such a problem for them. They do not have health insurance and especially now that the school year is coming up, you know children always have to have a physical when they are at school. I am sincerely in favor of making health insurance available for older children rather than just small children, because in reality, all children get sick, all children need a doctor, they need health care, so it would be very excellent and very good to make this happen.

I support S.B. 284 and ask the committee to support and pass this legislation. Going forward, I ask the committee to work to open access to all immigrants, regardless of age.

Thank you for your time,  
Norma Mayen